

## MINUTES OF THE KANSAS HEALTH POLICY AUTHORITY BOARD

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marcia Nielsen at 8:30 A.M. on December 13, 2005 in the Homestead Room at the Capitol Plaza Hotel.

Board members absent:

Connie Hubbell, Arneatha Martin, Sec. Pamela Johnson-Betts, and Sec. Roderick Bremby

Board members present:

Garen Cox, CEO, Medicalodges, Inc.

E.J. (Ned) Holland, Jr., V.P. of Compensation, Benefits, Labor & Employee Relations, Sprint Corporation

Vernon Mills, MD, Pediatrician

Charles Mossman, DC, Chiropractor

Marcia Nielsen, PhD, Asst. Vice Chancellor for Health Policy, University of Kansas Medical Center

Susan Page, CEO and President of Pratt Regional Medical Center

Joe Tilghman, Regional Administrator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (retired)

Ex-Officio members present:

Gary Daniels, PhD, Secretary of Social and Rehabilitation Services

Duane Goossen, Secretary of Administration

Sandy Praeger, Insurance Commissioner

Howard Rodenberg, MD, Director of Health, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Board staff present:

Robert D. Day, Director for the Division of Health Policy and Finance

Presenters:

Amy Bertrand, Chief Attorney, Kansas Department of Administration

Ken Thorpe, PhD, Chair, Dept. of Health Policy & Management, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University

Barbara Langner, PhD, Associate Professor, KU School of Nursing

Kevin Bomhoff, LMSW, Community Support Coordinator, Self-Help Network, Wichita State University

Greg Meissen, PhD, Director and Professor of Psychology, Wichita State University

### **Updates and Interim Director Discussion**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Chair Nielsen welcomed the board members and guests. The Chair introduced Marlene Shellenberger, Department of Administration to explain travel, hotel and meal expense reimbursement procedures for board members.

The Chair informed the board that she anticipates the Senate Committee on Medicaid Reform will issue its final report in December/January. The report will be forwarded to board members and its recommendations considered collectively by the board in future meetings.

At the request of board members, the Chair asked board staff to research news clipping services to help keep board members apprised of health care issues reported from local, state, and national publications.

The Chair distributed guidelines from the Kansas Ethics Commission concerning meals, gifts, travel and entertainment <http://www.kansas.gov/ethics/giftguide.htm>.

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The Chair distributed a copy of Dr. Robert Day's presentation to the board, "Kansas Medicaid Overview". A copy of his presentation (attachment 1) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

The Chair summarized the board plans to conduct a national search for an Executive Director of the Health Policy Authority (HPA). The selected candidate requires Senate confirmation.

Ned Holland motioned that the board go into executive session to discuss hiring an Interim Director. Joe Tilghman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Chair called the board into executive session and announced the executive session would end at 9:10 a.m. At 9:10 a.m. the Chair called the open meeting to order.

Ned Holland moved that the board appoint Dr. Robert Day as its Interim Director of the HPA, in addition to his current position as Director for the Division of Health Policy and Finance, until an Executive Director is hired. Vernon Mills seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Legal Counsel and Open Meetings Act**

Amy Bertrand summarized the process for recruiting and contracting for short term legal counsel under the Professional Services Sunshine Act.

Joe Tilghman motioned that the board's Subcommittee on Legal Counsel follow procedures under the Professional Services Sunshine Act to identify and recommend candidates for a legal services contract to the full board. Vernon Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The chair distributed a summary of the Kansas Open Meetings Act <http://www.kansas.gov/ksag/OPEN/KOMA.htm>

### **Discussion of the Rising Prevalence of Treated Disease and Its Effect on Private Health Insurance**

Chair Nielsen introduced Dr. Ken Thorpe to the board. Dr. Thorpe presented on the role of prevention in slowing the growth and improving the value of health care spending as it relates to obesity.

### **Health Insurance Trends in Kansas and the Business Health Partnership**

The Chair introduced Dr. Barbara Langner to provide a brief overview of health care reform efforts in Kansas over the last 3 decades. Included in Dr. Langner's presentation were findings of a small business health insurance study funded by a HRSA grant to the Kansas Department of Insurance. In a future meeting of the board, Dr. Langner will present a state by state comparison of work completed by health authority entities created in 7 states.

### **Retreat Goals**

The Chair introduced Kevin Bomhoff and Dr. Greg Meissen of Wichita State University. Mr. Bomhoff and Dr. Meissen outlined a strategic planning format for the board's retreat on February 17 – 18, 2006. The Chair noted that Dr. Diane Rowland with the Kaiser Family Foundation, Karen Davis with the Commonwealth Fund, and Trish Riley, Maine Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance have been invited to speak to the board.

### **Kansas Health Indicators Discussion**

Chair Nielsen provided a presentation on Kansas Health Indicators. A copy of her presentation is (attachment 2) attached hereto and incorporated into the Minutes as referenced.

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**Generic Drug Program – Recommendation to the Board**

As Interim Director, Dr. Day submitted a recommendation to the board for approval of the generic drug contract for \$200,000. Dr. Day explained the Community Rx Kansas program was launched December 1<sup>st</sup> with no funds drawn yet. The legislature set aside the \$200,000 to be used to enroll potential beneficiaries in program. The program provides access to very low cost generic drugs for persons with incomes below 200% of poverty. The enrollment cost is the only cost to the State of Kansas. Dr. Day provided board members the written testimony of Karen Braman, Deputy Director, Governor’s Office of Health Planning and Finance, as submitted to the Senate Ways and Means Committee on April 21, 2005. Ms. Braman’s testimony requesting funding for the prescription drug assistance program.

Joe Tilghman, motioned that the board authorize the transfer of \$200,000, as set aside by the legislature, to fund the enrollment of participants in the Community Rx Kansas program. Ned Holland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Memorandum of Understanding with Division of Health Policy and Finance**

Dr. Day presented to the board a Memorandum of Understanding, Interagency Agreement Number One, (attachment 3) between the HPA and the Division of Health Policy and Finance (DHPF). The memorandum allows the DHPF staff to assure that HPA payments are made and contracts prepared without hiring additional staff.

Vernon Mills motioned to accept the Memorandum of Understanding as outlined in Interagency Agreement Number One between the KHPA and the Director of Health Policy and Finance for Operational, Administrative and Fiscal Support Services. Garen Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Andy Allison appointed Deputy Director of HPA**

As Interim Director, Dr. Day presented Andy Allison, PhD, to the board. Dr. Allison is a health economist with professional experience that includes serving as a budget analyst for the Medicaid program at the Office of Management and Budget in Washington D.C. and most recently the Director of Health Care Finance and Organization at the Kansas Health Institute. Dr. Day shared with the board his intention to appoint Dr. Allison to the position of Deputy Director of the HPA.

**KHA Proposed Budget through June 30, 2005**

As Interim Director, Dr. Day presented the board a budget outlining proposed spending through June 30, 2005 (attachment 4). The board asked Dr. Day to present the HPA’s operating budget at its monthly meetings.

Ned Holland offered a motion to approve the proposed spending plan as outlined in the submitted HPA document. Joe Tilghman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Health Dates Issues**

In January, Dr. Rodenberg will present to the board a Memorandum of Understanding between the HPA and Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) for the KDHE to maintain data from the Health Care Governing Board on a short term basis.

Chairperson Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 3:12 P.M. The next meeting will be held on January 17, 2006.

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Marcia Nielsen, Chair

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